

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. ⁷ : F16G 11/00, F16L 3/233, B65D 63/10, H02G 3/22, A01G 17/12, A01K 11/00, G09F 3/02, 3/04		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched AU: IPC F16G 11/00, B65D 63/10 (1975 - 2003)		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) DWPI & keywords : cable tie, plant tie, tag, label, tying cable, identification, differentiation, name, release, reuse, reuseable, unfasten.		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	GB 1527263 A (J.F.KENURE LIMITED) 4 October 1978 Whole document	1-21,27,28,34 - 39,42 - 49
Y	Whole document	29 - 33
X	US 4991265 A (CAMPBELL et al) 12 February 1991 Column 4 line 3 to column 5 line 30	1-21,27,28,36 - 39,42 - 49
Y	Whole document	29 - 33
X	AU 35196/68 A (ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.) 25 September 1969 Whole document	36 - 39, 42
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex		
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X	US 3169004 A (RAPATA) 9 February 1965 Whole document	1 - 21, 36 - 39, 42 - 49 29 - 33
Y	Whole document	
X	US 3050578 A (HUEBNER et al) 21 August 1962 Whole document	1 - 21, 36 - 39, 42 - 49 29 - 33
Y	Whole document	
X	US 6305329 A (LEVY, Jr) 23 October 2001 Whole document	34
P,X	US 6497063 B1 (STEPHENS) 24 December 2002 Whole document	1, 34, 44 - 49
Y	WO 00/34144 A (VELCRO INDUSTRIES B.V.) 15 June 2000 Whole document	29 - 33
A	US 5911368 A (DAVIGNON) 15 June 1999 Whole document	1 - 49
A	US 5193250 A (CAVENEY) 16 March 1993 Whole document	1 - 49

Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims 1 - 28, 44 - 49: A system for differentiating two or more cables / containers.
2. Claims 29 - 33: A card comprising a plurality of detachable elongate members.
3. Claims 34, 35: A tag device for identifying a cable.
4. Claims 36 - 43: A tying device.

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International application No.

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
GB	1527263	NONE			
US	4991265	CA	2029816	DE	4036834
		JP	3200553	GB	2238824
AU	35196/68	NONE			
US	3169004	NONE			
US	3050578	NONE			
WO	00/34144	NONE			
US	6305329	NONE			
US	6497063	NONE			
US	5911368	US	6143215	US	2002049565
		BR	9706773	CA	2237687
		EP	861146	HK	1017307
		WO	9812034	US	6257867
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